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LOVE IS IN THE AIR TONIGHT.
EVIL IS IN THE AIR TONIGHT.
JUSTICE IS IN THE AIR TONIGHT.
THIS IS BORDER PARK, A ONE-MILE WIDE STRIP OF GRASS AND TREES THAT COMPLETELY SURROUNDS THE TROUBLED CITY OF OLIGOPOLIS.
THIS IS CHARLIE MOY AND MARIE LEAHY. THEIR PLAN FOR TONIGHT WAS TO TAKE A ROMANTIC STROLL THROUGH THE PARK. THE GANG OF BLADE FETISHISTS THAT SURROUNDS THEM HAS OTHER PLANS.
IT DESCENDS RELENTLESSLY, ON IMPOSSIBLY HUGE WINGS.

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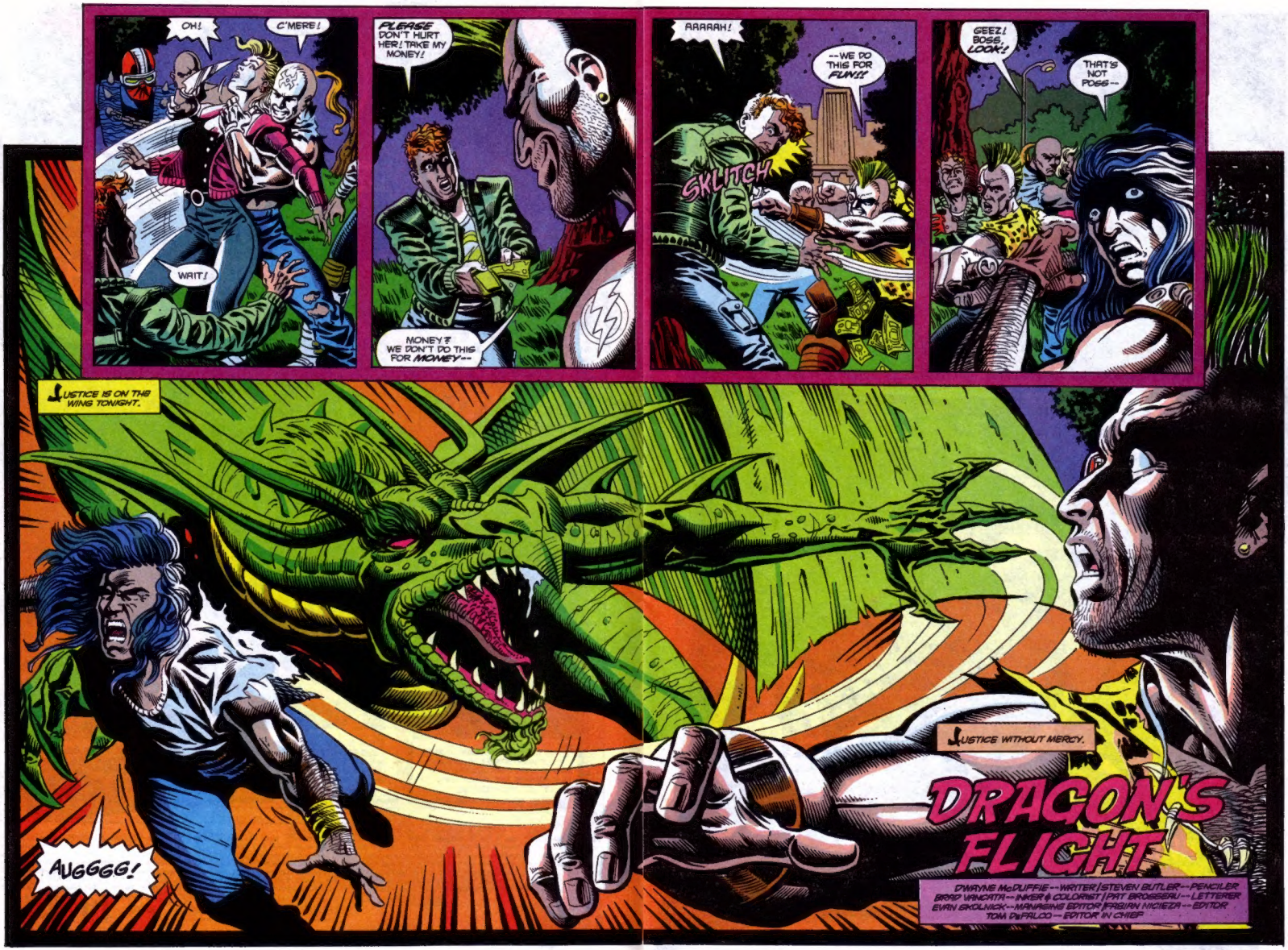
OH!
C'MERE!
WAIT!
PLEASE DON'T HURT HER! TAKE MY MONEY!
MONEY? WE DON'T DO THIS FOR MONEY--
AAAAAH!
SKLITCH
--WE DO THIS FOR FUN!!
GEEZ! BOSS, LOOK!
THAT'S NOT POSE--
JUSTICE IS ON THE WING TONIGHT.
AUGGGG!
JUSTICE WITHOUT MERCY.
DRAGON'S FLIGHT
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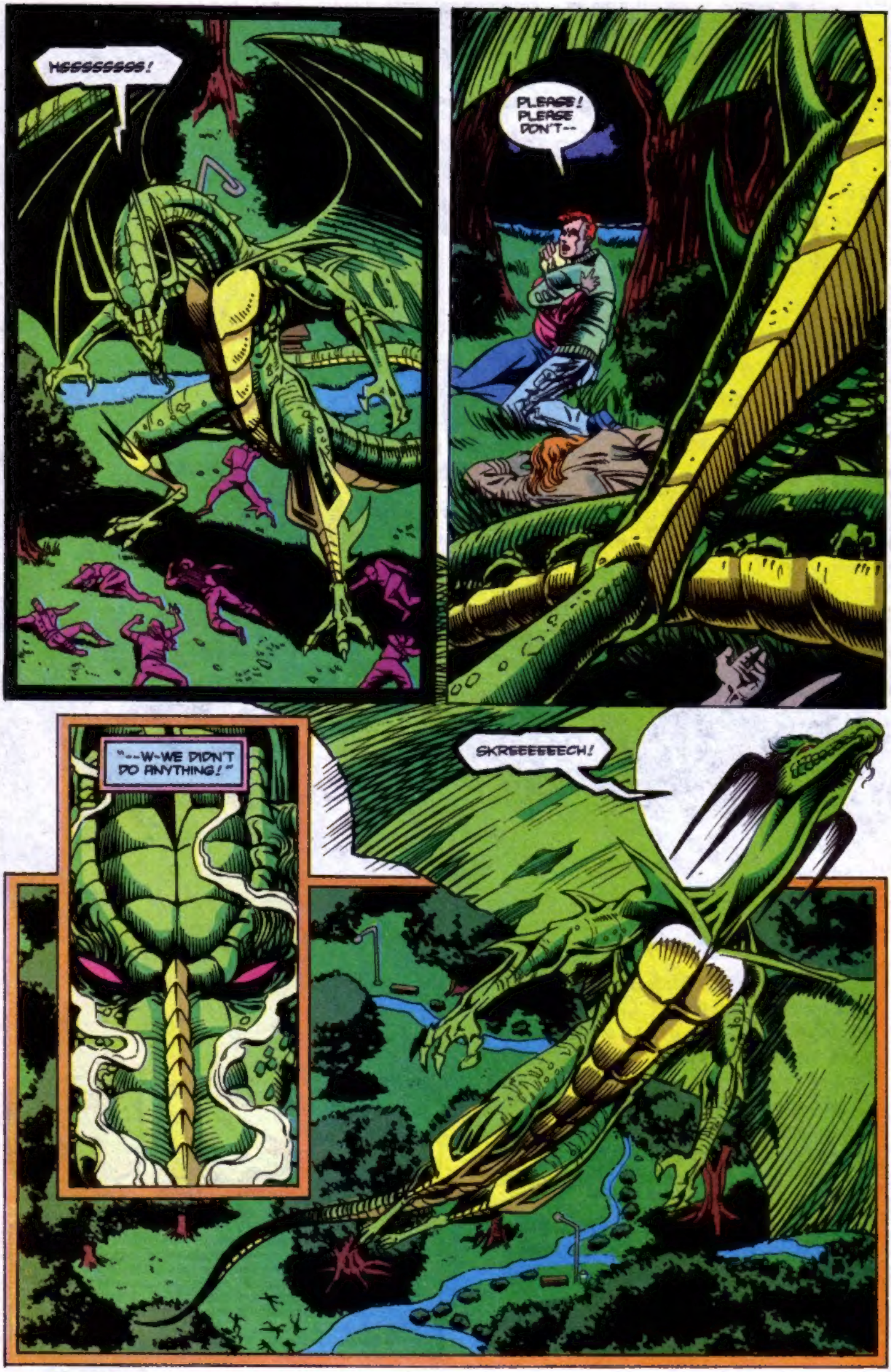
IT'S MAKING ANOTHER PASS!
I'M READY FOR IT.
DIEEEEEEE!
SKLUTCH
ROOAAAAR!
SHLOK
AHHHH!
KRAK
NNNNARRRGH!


HSSSSSSSS!
PLEASE! PLEASE DON'T--
"--W-WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!"
SKREEEEEECH!

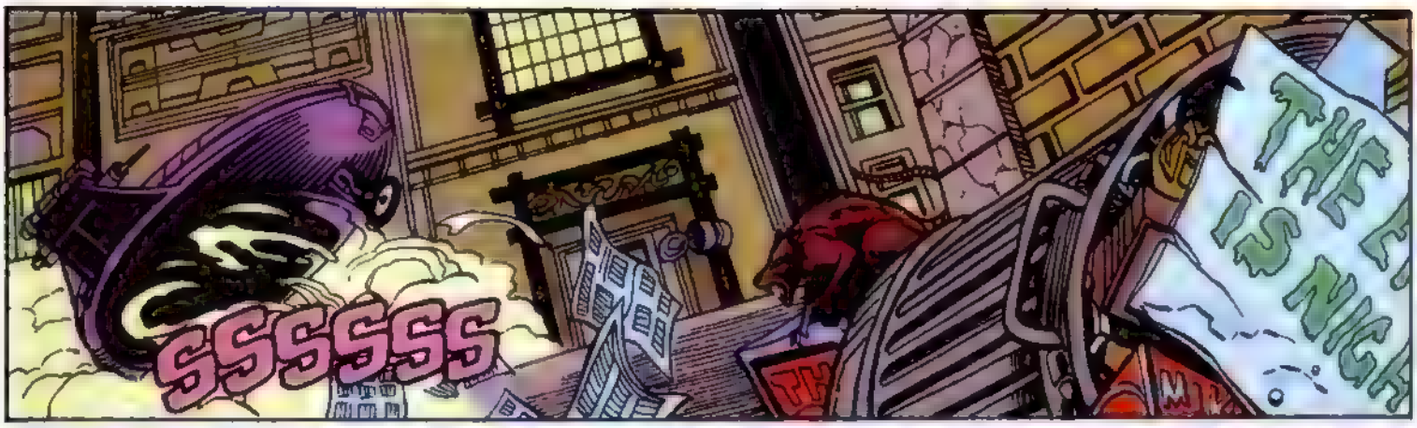
ELSEWHERE...
MEDITATION IS SUPPOSED TO BRING YOU PEACE. NO SUCH LUCK FOR ME. THE POWER IS INSISTENT.
I REJECTED ALL OF THIS LONG AGO. I REFUSE TO BE DRAWN BACK IN.
WHO AM I KIDDING, THIS IS BEYOND ME. IT'S NOT MY CHOICE...
I NEVER REALLY HAD A CHOICE.

THE IMAGES FORCE THEIR WAY INTO MY BRAIN: BILLY AND JIMMY, GROWN MEN NOW, GIFTED WITH THE AWESOME POWER OF THE DRAGON FORCE. NOW THEY ARE DOUBLE DRAGON.
SENSEI, KILLED BY A THIEF WHO STEALS THE DRAGON STATUE, SOURCE OF THE DRAGON FORCE.
THE BROTHERS, TRICKED INTO BATTLING ONE ANOTHER.
NIGHTFALL, SEEKING TO STEAL THE DRAGON FORCE AND FAILING--
--THE DRAGON IS FREE! UNCHANELLED, UNCONTROLLED!
I CAN FEEL IT OUT THERE, SEARCHING FOR NEW PREY!
MY DESIRES ARE UNIMPORTANT. THE DRAGON MUST BE STOPPED.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, OLIGOPOLIS SOUTH PRECINCT...
THE RED GLOBES ON THE HOLOGRAPHIC MAP MARK THE AREAS WHERE THE DRAGON HAS BEEN SIGHTED.
LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE, MARIAN. AT LEAST WE KNOW WHERE IT IS.
THOSE ARE THE HIGHEST CRIME AREAS IN THE CITY.
NOT ANYMORE.
PERHAPS THIS IS FOR THE BEST--
OLIGOPOLIS POLICE HDQS
POLICE

--WE WERE CLEARLY UNWORTHY OF THE POWER.
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, JIMMY.
I DO, BILLY. WITHOUT MY INTERFERENCE, THE DRAGON CAN BATTLE EVIL UNHAMPERED BY MY FAILINGS.
AND UNHAMPERED BY YOUR CONSCIENCE!
THAT THING IS OUT THERE KILLING PEOPLE. SO FAR JUST THE BAD GUYS.
BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU GUYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHATEVER IT DOES.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU GUYS HAVE TO TRY TO STOP IT.
I HATE IT WHEN SHE'S RIGHT.
BUT RIGHT SHE IS.
COME. WE HAVE A JOB TO DO.
WHERE AM I TAKING YOU?
TO DRAGON HOUSE HEADQUARTERS.
FOOSH
POLICE - OPD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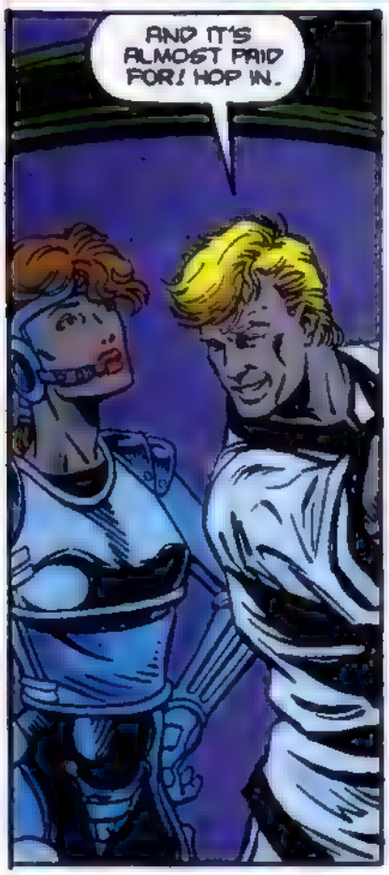
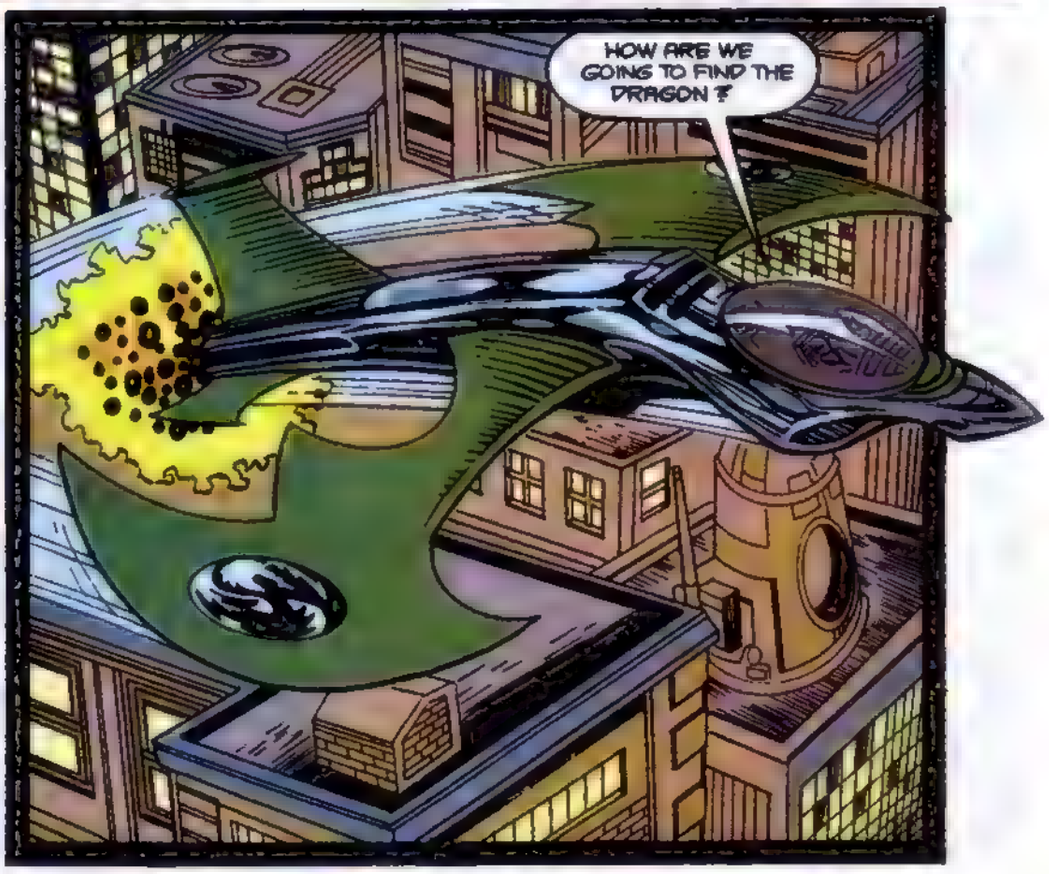
THE E
IS NIGH

WHERE ARE YOU GUYS GOING?
TO THE ROOF!

NICE PLANE!
IT IS CALLED THE DRAGON'S WING.

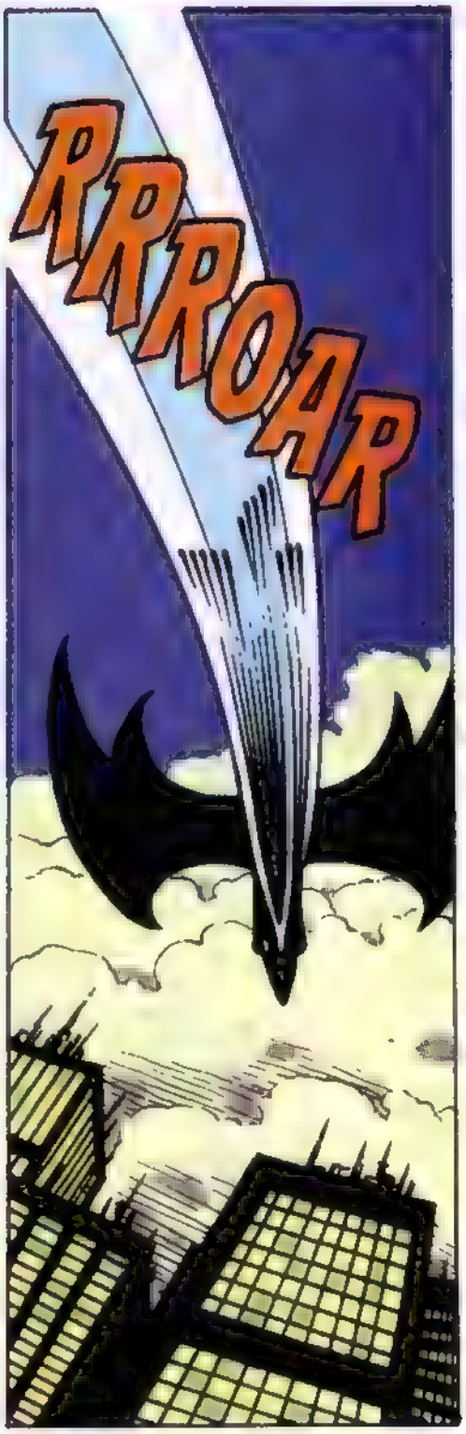

AND IT'S ALMOST PAID FOR! HOP IN.


HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND THE DRAGON?

I WILL PROGRAM THE FLIGHT COMPUTER TO TAKE A STANDARD SEARCH PATTERN.
HOW CAN YOU TELL?
DON'T BOTHER. HEAD STRAIGHT UP HECTOR STREET... THE DRAGON WENT THAT-A-WAY!

I DUNNO. CALL IT A HUNCH.

THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION LEADS TOWARDS THE CENTRAL PENITENTIARY!
GIVE HIM CREDIT. THE DRAGON KNOWS WHERE TO FIND CRIMINALS...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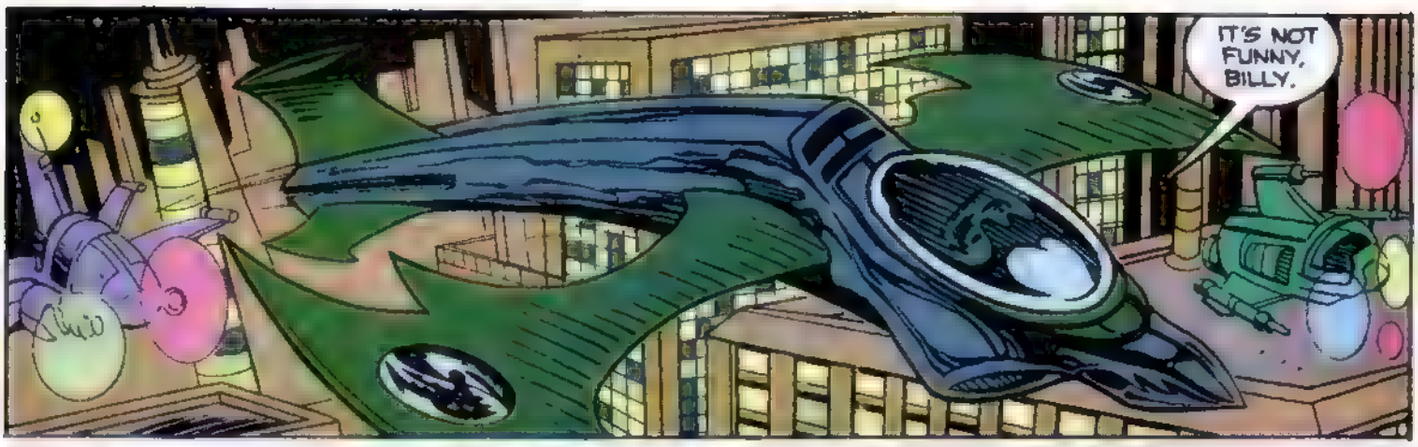
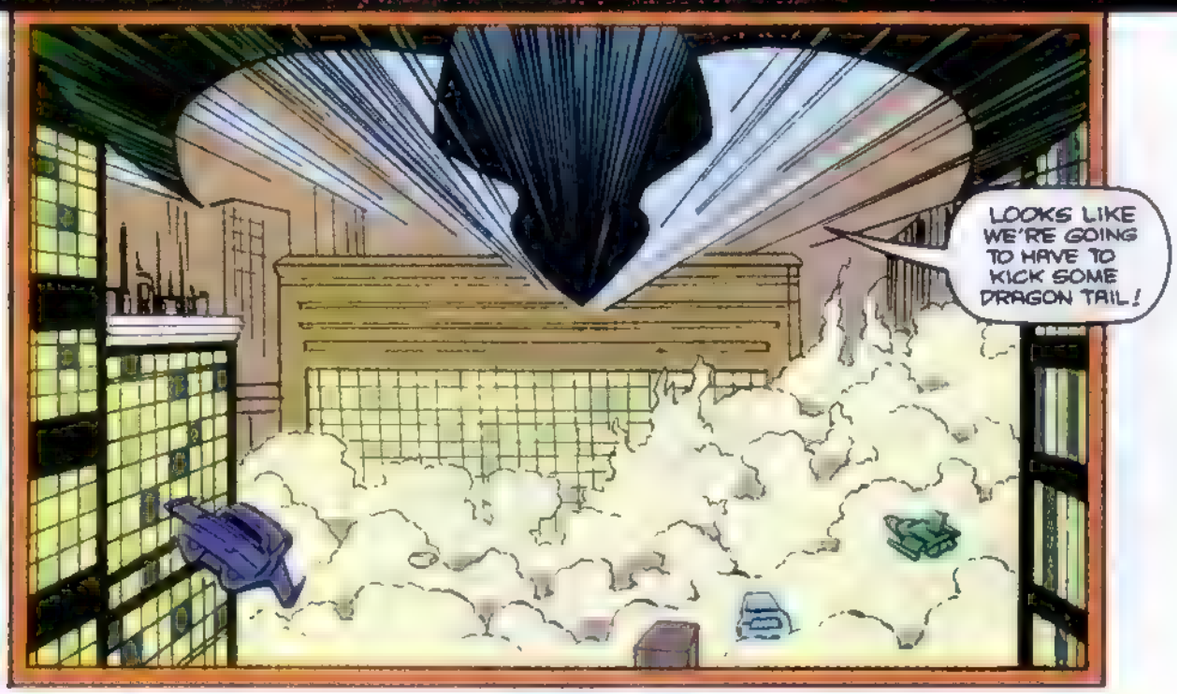
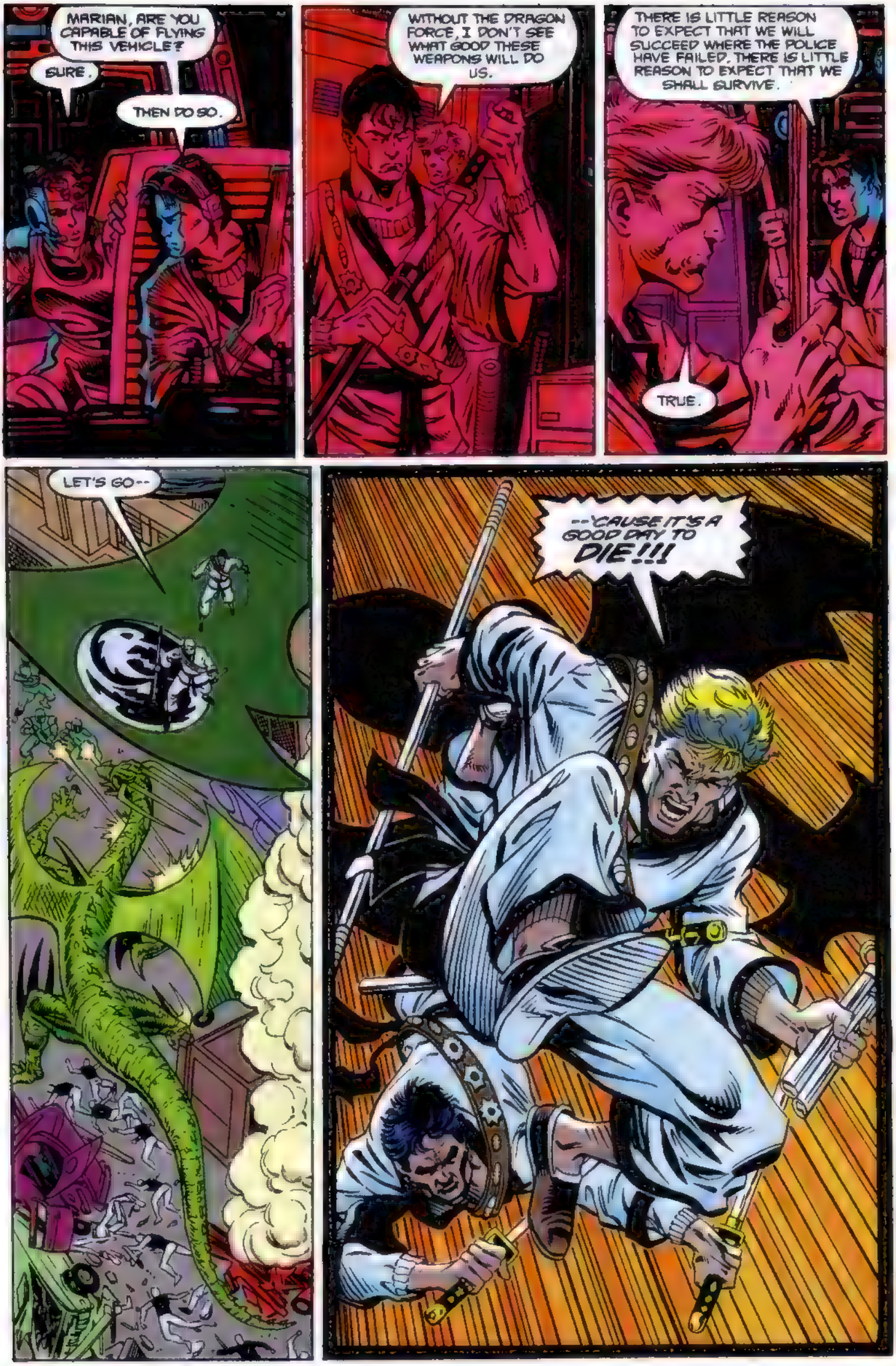

IT'S NOT FUNNY, BILLY.

THE PRISONERS MAY BE SCUM, BUT THEY'RE DOING THEIR TIME.
YES. THE PRISON IS INTENDED TO BE A PLACE OF INCARCERATION AND REHABILITATION. THE DRAGON OFFERS ONLY DEATH, IT DOES NOT KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.
OR CARE.


LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO KICK SOME DRAGON TAIL!


MARIAN, ARE YOU CAPABLE OF FLYING THIS VEHICLE?
SURE.
THEN DO SO.
WITHOUT THE DRAGON FORCE, I DON'T SEE WHAT GOOD THESE WEAPONS WILL DO US.
THERE IS LITTLE REASON TO EXPECT THAT WE WILL SUCCEED WHERE THE POLICE HAVE FAILED. THERE IS LITTLE REASON TO EXPECT THAT WE SHALL SURVIVE.
TRUE.
LET'S GO--
--'CAUSE IT'S A GOOD DAY TO DIE!!!

ARROOOOO!
SHULK
THE DRAGON'S WOUNDS HEAL ALMOST IMMEDIATELY!
WOUND? YOU MADE A WOUND? I CAN'T EVEN RAISE A BRUISE ON THIS STUFF.
KLAK
MOVE IN, MEN. SHOOT TO KILL!
STATE
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
ERR?
RROARR!

ARROOOO!
HE'S CLEAR OF THE PRISONERS. I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THAT MUST MEAN--
HSSSS
--AT LEAST IT GIVES ME AN OPENING TO TRY THIS.

FOOSH
FOOSH
FOOSH
FOOSH
BILLY CALLS THESE MISSILES "DRAGON'S BREATH."
SKEEEE
WHOOM!
NAPALM, WITH JUST A HINT OF MINT.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MARIAN HAS SUCCEEDED WHERE WE HAVE FAILED.
STRANGE DEFINITION OF SUCCESS.
THE END OF THE DRAGON MEANS THE END OF DOUBLE DRAGON, TOO.
AROOGH
WATCH OUT! IT'S ALIVE!!
HOLD YOUR POSITIONS! FIRE AT WILL!

WHAT'LL IT TAKE TO STOP IT?
A LOT LESS THAN YOU'VE BEEN USING, BUT MAYBE MORE THAN YOU'VE GOT.
WHO...?
THE NAME'S STAN.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU TWO CLOWNS HELD THE DRAGON FORCE, ANYWAY?
ARROOO
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
BRAKKA

NO TIME FOR THIS RIGHT NOW. YOU DON'T CONTROL POWER WITH POWER, TRUE BELIEVERS. YOU CONTROL POWER WITH SPIRIT.
I DON'T GET IT.
I DO.
TAKE MY HAND, BILLY.
CONCENTRATE ON THE POWER. FEEL IT FLOWING THROUGH YOU. ASSIGN IT PURPOSE AND CONTEXT IN OUR WORLD.
RREUNK?
SKREEE

HUNH... HUNH...
CHOOM
DO NOT FALTER NOW...
...THE POWER DOES NOT RESIDE WITHIN THE DRAGON. THE POWER RESIDES WITHIN US.

SHEESH! DIDN'T THINK I'D HAVE TO DRAW THEM A FREAKIN' MAP.
HERE COMES MARIAN, SHE'S OKAY!
YOU DID IT! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
WHAT WE ACHIEVED WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT STAN. BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW HE KNOWS ABOUT THE DRAGON FORCE.
EASY, KID. YOUR MOTHER TAUGHT ME. SHE WAS THE DRAGON BEFORE YOUR SENSEI GOT THE GIG.
YOU KNEW OUR MOTHER? WE NEVER DID.
SHE DIED IN CHILDBIRTH.
YEAH, I KNOW. I WAS MARRIED TO HER.
I GUESS EVEN YOU TWO CAN FIGURE OUT WHO THAT MAKES ME...
NEXT: WHYS and WHEREFORES!